

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

By this Amendment, Claim 1 and several of its dependents have been amended. Also, new dependent Claims 37-40 have been added. Non-elected Claims 14-36 have been cancelled in order to avoid incurring additional claim fees in connection with the presentation of Claims 37-40. Consequently, Claims 1-13 and 37-40 are currently pending in this application. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more a divisional applications for the non-elected claims.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a). However, the actual basis for the rejection is unclear. The rejection refers initially to Tenorio (US 2002/0082849), but goes on to refer to Gomber et al. as well as to Tenoria in the ensuing discussion.

Without acceding to the rejection (whatever its basis), Applicant has amended Claim 1 more particularly to set forth certain preferred features of the invention in an effort to advance the prosecution to an expeditious conclusion (conforming amendments have been made in Claims 3-5 and 8-10). Specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the first category of information is displayed together with (i) a first plurality of concentric bands each having a dimension determined based on ask size information, and (ii) a second plurality of concentric bands each having a dimension determined based on bid size information. See, for example, Figs. 3 and 4 of Applicant's drawings.

At least as presently amended, Claim 1 defines over both of Tenorio and Gomber et al., which evidently fail to teach or suggest the aforementioned features of Applicant's

invention. Claims 2-13 and 37-40 also define over Tenorio and Gomber et al. based on their dependency from Claim 1, as well as for the additional features set forth therein.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn and that this application now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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